



With the Colors

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Technical Sergeant Forrest Alexander, who is in India with the United States Army, writes his wife at Newton: "Yesterday my section received a commendation which came



through channels from General Stratmeyer on a recent inspection tour by the inspector general. Our section was rated 'excellent.'

"Here is part of what the letter says: 'The base chemical section received a commendation from Major General Stratmeyer, dated April 30, 1944, on its rating of "excellent" given during the recent inspection by the inspector general. Technical Sergeant Forrest W. Alexander, through his resourcefulness and hard work contributed a great deal towards our obtaining this commendation.'

"Then it goes on to say a lot of other stuff. It isn't much but it sure makes a fellow feel that his trying to do everything as best he can isn't all in vain. Our section was one of two which received the commendation."

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Robert Jones of Nottingham, England, writes Mr. and Mrs. John Butler of near Ingraham: "I thought it would be rather nice for you to learn that I had the pleasure of meeting your son, Leo Butler, last Saturday evening. I was on my way home about 11:00 p. m. when your son asked me if I could direct him to the American Red Cross depot in order that he could get a bed. As it was not very far away I took him along to the depot, but unfortunately no beds were available.

"After trying most of the hotels for accommodation he met with no success. An hour had passed all too quickly, and I did not like the idea of his wandering the streets all night with nowhere to rest, so I asked him if he would care to come and spend the night at my home. You can imagine how delighted he was, but did not want us to be placed to any inconvenience.

"I can assure you it was a real pleasure for all at home to meet him. He had breakfast and lunch with us on Sunday then he had to leave in order to return to his depot. I am very pleased to inform you that Leo is quite fit and well. He said it would be fine if I wrote to you telling how we had met.

"Would like to assure you how very delighted we felt to be of some small service to your son, and hope it will not be too long before we all have the pleasure of his company again. Personally, I feel it is the least we can do to help our American friends all we can, as they are thousands of miles from home and all they love.

"Please do not think we have done such a wonderful bit of kindness. It is only a very small bit in return for all the splendid assistance and service your country has rendered to us in the terrible struggle which we have had for over four years.

"Sincerely hope this awful business will soon be over, and enable every one to live in peace once again."

Leo is now in France with the American army.

